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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: BRANDT VISIT TO PARIS ; PSF/PCF

REF: PARIS 37564

1. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM SPDOFFICIAL THAT
WILLY BRANDT WILL MEET WITH MITTERAND IN PARIS FEBRUARY 3.
OFFICIALLY, MEETING WILL BE RELATED TO ACTIVITIES OF
JOINT PSF/SPD WORKING GROUP. IT WILL INCLUDE JOINT PRESS
CONFERENCE OR OTHER FORM OF PUBLIC APPEARANCE BY BRANDT
AND MITTERAND.

2. ACCORDING TO SPD OFFICIAL, MEETING WAS POSTPONED FROM
EARLIER JANUARY TIMEFRAME PARTLY FOR BONA-FIDE SCHEDULING
REASONS (INCLUDING BRANDT'S TRAVELS AND VACATION IN
AFRICA), PARTLY TO COMPLEMENT SCHMIDT-GISCARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 6-7 IN PARIS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE UNDER THE
AEGIS OF THE REGULAR SEMI-ANNUAL FRENCH-GERMAN SUMMITS.

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3. OUR SOURCE OPINED THAT SCHMIDT, FAR FROM HAVING
RESERVATIONS ON A BRANDT MEETING WITH MITTERAND (REFTEL)
WELCOMED IT AT THIS JUNCTURE AND INDEED PREFERRED THAT IT
TAKE PLACE CLOSE TO HIS OWN MEETING WITH GISCARD.
FURTHER, ACCORDING TO SOURCE, ANY POTENTIAL PROBLEMS THAT
BRANDT-MITTERAND PARIS MEETING MIGHT HAVE POSED SOME
WEEKS AGO HAVE PASSED BOTH BECAUSE OF GROWING PSF-PCI

CLEFT, AND BECAUSE OF MITTERAND'S MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT CARTER.

4. ON PSF GENERALLY, OUR SOURCE -- WHO WAS IN FRANCE IN
LAST FEW DAYS FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH PSF COUNTERPARTS --
SEES LESS AND LESS CHANCE FOR PSF COOPERATION WITH PCI.
WHILE MARCHAIS IS BECOMING MORE DOCTRINAIRE, MITTERAND
IS BECOMING MORE MODERATE -- FOR EXAMPLE, DURING RECENT
PSF DEFENSE CONFERENCE, WHERE, INTER ALIA MITTERAND
AVOIDED ANY UNFAVORABLE REFERENCES TO U.S. OUR SOURCE'S
VIEW IS THAT MITTERAND'S CURRENT OBJECTIVE IS TO HAVE PSF
FUNCTION AS AN INDEPENDENT WEIGHT IN FRANCE, AND BE IN A
POSITION IF APPROPRIATE TO GO INTO COALITION WITH
GISCARD.
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